GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF INDIAN WHEAT BY IRAQ
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq has decided to import more than 7 lakh tonnes of Indian wheat;

(b) whether Iraq has signed the contracts with the companies of Russia, Jordan and UAEinstead of Indian exporters for import of Indian wheat;

(c) if so, the reasons for not signing the contracts with Indian exporters;

(d) whether the exports will be made through these countries; and

(e) if so, the extent to which it will affect the Indian exporters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): The Grain Board of Iraq against their tender had awarded orders for supply of 3.5 lakhMTs of wheat on 8 registered Indian exporters, including STC, under phase VIII of UN Food-for-Oil programme.Later the Grain Board of Iraq awarded further orders for supply of 2.5 lakh MTs of wheat to 14 registered exporters in phase IX of UN programme.

(b),(c)&(d): STC has informed that they do not have detailed information regarding contractssigned by Iraq with the companies of Jordan and UAE.However, one Russian Trading Companyconcluded a contract for supply of 5 lakh MTs of wheat with STC on FOB basis. The RussianTrading Company which has signed contract with STC intends to export some quantity of wheat outof the contracted quantity to Iraq.

(e): The Indian exporters have already received orders for supply of wheat to Iraq for atotal quantity of 6 lakh MTs. In view of this, it is not likely to affect the Indian exporters.